

COMMERCIAL BREEDS OF DUCKS AND STANDARD WEIGHTS

Breed	Adult Drake	Adult Duck	Young Drake	Young Duck
Pekin.....	9 lbs.	8 lbs.	8 lbs.	7 lbs.
Aylesbury.....	9 lbs.	8 lbs.	8 lbs.	7 lbs.
Rouen.....	9 lbs.	8 lbs.	8 lbs.	7 lbs.
Cayuga.....	8 lbs.	7 lbs.	7 lbs.	6 lbs.
Crested White.....	7 lbs.	6 lbs.	6 lbs.	5 lbs.
Muscovy.....	10 lbs.	7 lbs.	8 lbs.	6 lbs.
Indian Runner.....	4½ lbs.	4 lbs.

Breeding Pens.—Success is more readily obtained where the breeding pens contain not more than from twenty to twenty-five ducks, allowing one drake for each four or five females to insure good fertility in eggs.

Feeding Breeding Ducks.—Breeding or stock ducks may be given liberal range and will under favorable conditions secure at will a good share of their living during the summer months. In

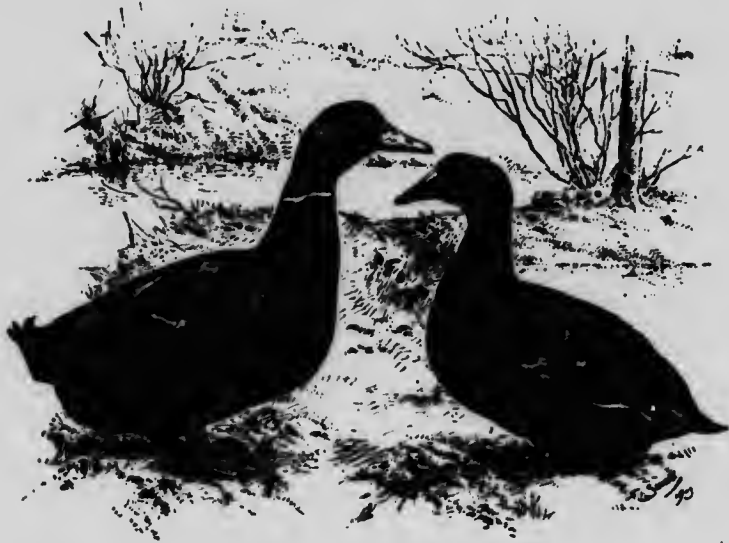


FIG. 53.

their wild state ducks feed largely on animal food and green food. Under domestication it has been found that they thrive well on similar foods. Ducks do not thrive well when fed exclusively on whole grain, unless during the summer and allowed liberal range.

Winter Feeding.—In winter they may be given a feed of whole grain daily at noon in straw with plenty of succulent and animal food or milk. A soft mash composed of ground oats, bran and fine shorts should be given morning and evening.